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Saskatchewan MLA to share her wisdom with U of L students

Saskatoon Fairview MLA Jennifer Campeau, who completed a bachelor's degree in the First Nations Governance program in the University of Lethbridge's Faculty of Management, will be back in Lethbridge Jan. 26 to 30, 2015 to share her expertise with students and youth.

"We are delighted and honoured that one of our graduates, the Honourable Minister Jennifer Campeau, is returning to the University of Lethbridge to serve as the inaugural Executive In Residence for our Scotiabank First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Mentors Program," says Faculty of Management Dean Dr. Bob Ellis. "Her leadership and dedication to public service make her an inspiration for our students and the entire community. We wish to express our deep appreciation to Scotiabank for supporting this wonderful initiative."

"We are proud to host the Honourable Minister Campeau and welcome her back to southern Alberta. She was one of the first graduates of the University's First Nations Governance Program in 2008 and three short years later she was elected to the Saskatchewan legislature," says Andrea Amelinckx, Chair of the First Nations Governance Area in the Faculty of Management. "She was recently appointed Minister of Central Services and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company. She is an engaging speaker and an outstanding role model for our students and Aboriginal youth in general. We know they will benefit from her experiences."

Campeau was first elected to the Saskatchewan legislature in 2011. In 2013, she was appointed legislative secretary to Saskatchewan's education minister. She also chaired a Premier's Aboriginal Youth Task Force at the request of Premier Brad Wall. In 2014, she became Minister of Central Services and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company.

Before she entered politics, Campeau was an instructor at the University of Saskatchewan and a doctoral student in the Department of Native Studies. After she graduated from the U of L, she obtained a Masters of Business Administration degree at

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The purpose of the Scotiabank First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Mentors Program is to engage Aboriginal youth in a culturally sensitive, safe and welcoming environment. Mentors are U of L Aboriginal students who provide support to Aboriginal youth aged 12 to 17 enrolled in school in Lethbridge or on the Blood and Piikani reserves. Youth and their mentors meet twice a month to share common interests and participate in activities.

As Executive In Residence, Campeau will speak to several U of L classes, talk to graduate students and students in the First Nations Transition Program, and meet with area high school students. At a dinner Thursday evening, she will speak to the importance of role modeling and mentorship for Aboriginal youth. She will be available to speak to media on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. in the Markin Hall atrium.

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